

not keep an accurate account of the honey produced, but twenty-five to thirty pounds per colony Spring count is not far out of the way. It is the lightest average I have had for many years. As to my Winter and Spring losses I cannot yet report with much accuracy as the weather is still cold and blustering. I have lost quite heavily, but nothing to compare with some of my neighbors, as they report all, or nearly all dead, where wintered out of doors. My bees were packed in sawdust and chaff, which I consider the safest in this latitude. Perhaps the past Winter may be an exception to the rule, although those who wintered in cellars report heavy losses. Brother Clark with his hibernation theory, seems to be catching, it on all sides, poor fellow. I wonder if he will survive. Those that introduce pet theories and make hobbies of them must expect to get some hard raps. Brother Heddon knows how that is. He expected to be able after the past Winter's experience to cry "Eureka!" In fact he had his mouth all made up for it until he discovered those twenty-five colonies with no honey or pollen in the hives, only sugar syrup for Winter stores, all dead, and no sign of disease. That gave him something of a back set. Never mind, James, brace up and try again. Maybe you will have better luck next time. I like the idea of having a bee journal in Canada. We have them in the east, south and west. Now, let us have one in the north.

J. M. HICKS, BATTLEGROUND, IND.—Bees are booming and gathering plenty of honey. The linden, or basswood, is now in full bloom, and the bees go for it. Bees are swarming a great deal with those who permit them to follow their own methods. But with us our bees have already made over two hundred per cent. of an increase and not a natural swarm yet. We have now commenced extracting honey, much of which is of a splendid quality, good enough for a king's or a president's table. By the way, Mr. Editor, I often think that if our beloved General, U. S. Grant, could have some of our fresh extracted honey it would do him much good. But, then there are the pesky M.D.'s, who seem to know more of disease than of good common sense, and if we do not miss our guess very much, they will do as did the M.D.'s with our lamented Garfield, doctor him into his grave, and then make out such unreasonable charges, asking the U. S. Congress to allow them for naught but quackery and killing.

GEO. W. SCHNEIDER, DORKING.—The C.B.J. is far better than I expected to find it at only one dollar a year. In 1884 had six colonies and one nucleus, Spring count. Increased to twenty-two

and extracted 1520 lbs. of honey. Fed 190 lbs. honey to bees again, besides some sugar for winter stores. Put them in cellar November 17th. Took them out on the second of May. One died, one lost its queen, all the rest are in fair condition. All had lots of pollen and very few showed any signs of diarrhoea in their long confinement of five and a half months.

JOHN CALVERT, WALSH, ONT.—I am a young hand at the bee business as yet. I began last season with twelve colonies, got about 700 pounds of extracted and 50 pounds of comb honey. I wintered my bees in a shed, packed in chaff. I put away 24 colonies last Fall and took them out on the 26th of April. Two were dead, four more have died since. The weather turned cold after I took them out of the shed and stayed cold for several days. Would you advise clipping queen's wing? If two or more swarms cluster together how should I do?

M. B. HOLMES, DELTA, ONT.—My bees came through the winter without the loss of a colony, and since June 15th they have kept me pretty busy. There have not been many days of sunshine, but they seem to improve the opportunity to swarm whenever it does shine, and from the 15th of June to the present I have got twenty-seven swarms. Success to the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL and its most worthy and worshipful projector. May the sun of his prosperity be ever at "its meridian."

J. W. HUNTER, GODERICH, ONT.—What colonies we did put up in the Fall died, as also numbers in this vicinity owing principally to the severe Winter, although fed syrup and appeared to have brood in plenty. I imagine the very dry season here did not leave them in good shape for wintering. I intend trying them again and with the help of your JOURNAL hope for better success.

A. AINSLIE, BEACONSFIELD, ONT.—We commenced to Winter thirty-seven colonies of bees on their Summer stands. They are all alive and appear to be doing well. They commenced to carry pollen on the 22nd of April. We weighed our bees last Fall, and fed them syrup, made of granulated sugar until they had thirty pounds of stores. We think a binder would be just the thing for the JOURNAL.

JOHN McLELLAN, COOKSTOWN.—If my judgment is right I live in a very good locality to raise bees. My house is on raised ground, or a small hill, and close by there is a large tract of half cleared land, slash and beaver meadow, with all kinds of trees and flowers. Have only one colony.